

BONDS ON EXCHANGE FACE COMPETITION

Sales Decline Because of Great Activity in Trading on the Outside.

BUSY DAY FOR FOREIGNS

Chile Copper 7s and Smelters 6s Lose in Brisk Speculation.

The bond market on the Stock Exchange yesterday was confronted with keen competition from the outside market, from the market over the counter of the big bond and banking houses and from private subscriptions to new loans. Less activity resulted, sales declining about \$1,000,000 from the previous day.

There were formal public offerings of the \$15,000,000 Chinese Government loan and the \$35,000,000 Russian Government loan. In addition, bankers were accepting private subscriptions for the \$60,000,000 loan to French municipalities which is to be publicly offered in the near future. The United Kingdom notes on the Stock Exchange were in competition with the United Kingdom notes on the curb. Moreover, it was announced that a \$25,000,000 loan had been negotiated with a Canadian export company, so that while trading in foreign governments fell off on the Stock Exchange, altogether it was one of the busiest days in foreign issues since the war started.

The principal foreign issues on the Stock Exchange were steady. Losses of 1% each in Anglo-French 6s and City of Paris 6s were compensated by the gain of 1% in American Foreign Securities, United States Foreign Dominion of Canada were unchanged.

In the industrial list speculation continued, both in Chile Copper 7s and American Smelters Securities 6s, both of which declined more than two points. There was also a loss of more than two points in Lackawanna Steel as another active issue. The decline in Chile Copper 7s and Latin American Securities was associated with demands of rumors of mergers in the steel and copper trades.

Total sales of bonds were \$4,185,000,

against \$5,442,000 on Tuesday and \$5,100,000 two weeks ago. Sales and quotations:

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